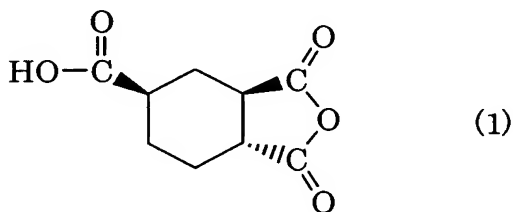


CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Trans, trans-1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid-1,2-anhydride represented
5 by the following formula 1:



2. A cyclohexanetricarboxylic anhydride being liquid at ordinary temperatures which comprises trans, trans-1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid-1,2-anhydride as defined in claim 1.
- 10 3. The cyclohexanetricarboxylic anhydride being liquid at ordinary temperatures according to claim 2, which has a color number of 100 Hazen or less.
4. A method of producing the cyclohexanetricarboxylic anhydride being liquid at ordinary temperatures as defined in claim 2, which comprises a step of melting 1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid and/or 1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid-1,2-anhydride at 180 to 300°C by heating.
- 15 5. The method according to claim 4, which further comprises a step of purifying the cyclohexanetricarboxylic anhydride by distillation after the step of melting by heating.